

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 600

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Peggy Lipscomb Walker, Principal of Holy Rosary Academy, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Lipscomb Walker is one such estimable educator; having distinguished herself as an exemplary classroom teacher and educational administrator, she will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker has served with acumen and alacrity as an English teacher, director of curriculum, vice principal, academic dean, and, for the last eleven years, principal, for a combined total of twenty-nine years at Holy Rosary Academy, offering her expertise, encouragement, and guidance to countless students and faculty members; and

WHEREAS, she has ably served as the chair of the Schools Calendar Committee for the Diocese of Nashville and has been the principals' representative to the Diocesan Athletic Council for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, under Peggy Walker's illustrious administrative tenure as assistant principal and principal at Holy Rosary Academy, the school has developed its kindergarten program and added a foreign language program, advanced math classes, and a full-time school counselor to the faculty; other accomplishments during Mrs. Walker's capable tenure include the addition of a computer teacher to the staff, an upgrade of the computer lab with new computers, the addition of laptop computers in the library media center, and new playground equipment; and

WHEREAS, a former English teacher at Donelson High School, Mrs. Walker re-entered the teaching field in 1978, after a twenty-one-year hiatus as a full-time homemaker; and

WHEREAS, an active and long-standing member of the Donelson-Hermitage community, Mrs. Walker has lent her talents as a member of the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce and the Swim Committee for the Ravenwood Club, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for the Nashville Aquatic Club and the Nashville Swim League; and

WHEREAS, she contributes her time and numerous abilities as a member of the National Catholic Education Association and the National Council of Teachers of English; she has also served as a volunteer coordinator and reading laboratory volunteer for Donelson Elementary School and has taught Sunday School and the Women's Club at Holy Rosary; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Walker is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions honoring her dedication to excellence, including being voted Teacher of the Week in 1989, by an area publication, and being nominated for the NCEA Distinguished Teacher Award in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Lipscomb Walker grew up on a dairy and tobacco farm in Robertson County in a rambling country house built by her father's grandfather 150 years ago; she learned civic responsibility from her great uncle, a state legislator, who always sported shiny black spats and pockets full of candy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker was valedictorian of her graduating class at Coopertown School, where she was voted Most Athletic and Most Likely to Succeed; in addition to achieving stellar grades, she served as the editor of her high school newspaper, was a star basketball player, and officiated as the Queen of the Harvest Carnival, an annual event in Coopertown; and

WHEREAS, graduating summa cum laude from Austin Peay State University with Bachelor of Science Degree in English and History, Mrs. Peggy Walker also studied at Aquinas College, Peabody College, Belmont University, Tennessee State University, and the University of Northern Colorado; she earned her Master of Education degree at Trevecca University; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Mrs. Walker is the proud mother of two children, Mark, a Nashville attorney, and Melanie, who works for the Regional Organized Crime Information Center; she is grateful for the love of her four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Lipscomb Walker is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has always worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Peggy Walker has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the Holy Rosary Academy family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Mrs. Peggy Lipscomb Walker, commending her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.